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ONTARIO GOVERNMENT APPOINTS SUPERVISOR FOR HURONIA DISTRICT HOSPITAL

MIDLAND – The Ontario government has appointed Dr. Kevin Smith, President and CEO of St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton, as supervisor at Huronia District Hospital to help resolve the governance issues being faced by the hospital.

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care was recently informed that the hospital's Board of Trustees resigned effective October 3, 2007.

Under legislation, as recommended by the minister, the government can immediately appoint a supervisor to replace the board of directors if there are not enough hospital board members to form a quorum.

As Supervisor, Dr. Smith, will have the ability to exercise all the responsibilities of the hospital board, the corporation, its officers and members in governing the hospital and will be providing direction to senior management as appropriate. He will also be reviewing governance issues, including the functioning, composition and membership of the board, and re-establishing a fully functioning board.

Dr. Smith will liaise with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the North Simcoe Muskoka Local Health Integration Network and report directly to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care.

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